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MILITARY REPORT ISSUED BY FORCES OF PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY
(DHOFAR REGION)

Central Area (Razzat)

In the Central Area the forces of the People's Liberation Army and People's Militia launched nine offensive operations which were successful on the enemy position at the highlands of Razzat from 28th October to 4th November, 1972. Our forces confronted the enemy forces during attempts to move from their positions. Most significant of these operations were the following:-

ON 28th October, 1972 at noon our forces launched a comprehensive attack on these positions using different weapons. The attack continued for one hour. Enemy losses were great and included five members between killed and wounded and the destruction of a number of positions.

In the evening of the same day our forces launched another attack but enemy casualties during this attack were unassessed.

On 29th October, at 5.00 p.m. our forces attacked the same position using machine-guns and mortars for one and a quarter hours during which the enemy suffered heavy losses.

On 30th October, 1972 at one in the afternoon our forces launched a fierce attack on these positions using light and medium weapons from short distances. During this attack the enemy lost ten members between killed and wounded. From our side one Comrade was martyred. He was Mohammad Areet.

On 3rd November at 2.00 a.m. our forces confronted an advance by the enemy from these positions after a clash which continued for half an hour during which the enemy lost two members. Our forces returned safely to base.

Following our successful operations the aircraft of the British Royal Air Force raided the houses of citizens (small villages of cottages) in this area throughout these days aiming at burning farms of citizens and their herding places and exterminating their cattle with the intention of retaliating from the masses and hitting the main base on which they depend for their lives. These raids resulted in the burning of vast areas of herding places and extermination of a number of cattles of the citizens. But there were no casualties.

Eastern Area (Ashaihat)

On 31st October at 5.00 p.m. a group of forces from the People's Liberation Army and People's Forces attacked the forces of the colonialists and their puppets in the highlands of the Ashaihat using machine-guns. Enemy losses were not assessed.

On 1st November in the evening our patriotic forces attacked the enemy forces in these places from several directions using machine-guns reinforced by heavy artillery for half an hour. The enemy was stricken with panic and started to escape from his positions, to his centre in Kheisal carrying with him several members between killed and wounded. Later a helicopter was seen landing at the centre to remove the dead and injured. From our side one comrade was martyred. He was patriot Awadh Muahhad Suhail.

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STATEMENT ISSUED BY PEOPLE'S FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION
OF OMAN AND THE ARABIAN GULF

Bahrain Region

Let us fight for realising our demands for democracy.

Our Militant masses,

Through following continued development of events in Bahrain and by living the feverish movements for implementing the plans laid down by the panels of colonialism in Washington and London the size of similarity between the nature of the system and regime which increases its repressive instruments (army, police, and intelligence and special guard) which it tries to hide through its information trumpets, and the game of the elections the Constituent Assembly and the constitution and parliament for intoxicating the masses and between the plans of American imperialism and British imperialism which work for establishing their presence in the country in different forms (bases, banks, monopolistic companies, capitals and cultural centres) so that Bahrain becomes a centre for control over the whole area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf for safeguarding the economic interests and keeping this area as a market for disposing the products of colonialist countries which resemble the new picture of neo-colonialism, becomes clear.

Colonialism is always endeavouring to change the old cloths and to wear new veils conforming with the era and the circumstances and conditions of the area in order to continue exploiting the masses in a more uglier manner and in a way giving legitimacy to such presence at a time in which it is trying to make use of democracy papers in order to lighten the people's wrath and general indignation so that to find new independent formula through which it will work to empty the demands of the masses starting from presumption to open the way for public freedoms and ending with the formation of people's council. This game in reality only aim at misguiding the masses and deceiving them and removing the conflict and confining it to the institutions created by the authority including the Constituent Assembly, People's Council and etc. etc.

Throughout the past four months, the puppet government tried with all rottenness possessed by it and in a very extensive manner to launch propaganda for the elections of the Constituent Assembly through its information instruments (radio and press) in order to serve its exploitative aims and objectives in addition to statements by elements wholly linked with the regime which try to give the democratic form to the council plus allegations that the council will be the place for solving all problems and for fulfilling the demands cherished by the masses. At a time in which the authority boasts of democracy and freedom we find it continuing to impose and enact the state of emergency imposed since 1965 and the arrest campaigns and intelligence traces still continue and striking workers who are on strike defending their usurped rights taken by the monopolistic companies continue to be fiercely confronted. (The breaking of the airport strike last September was an example). This matter cannot help the citizen breath naturally in order to say his opinions on all issues laid down before him while we see the authority not moving to realise the simplest demands of the masses which were outlined by the previous statement of the front issued on 2nd August.

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MESSAGE TO SECRETARY GENERAL OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY ON 55th
ANNIVERSARY OF OCTOBER REVOLUTION

The Central Executive Committee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf sent the following message to Comrade Leonid Brezhnev, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party:=-

"The peoples of the Soviet Union and the peoples of the entire world celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Great Socialist Revolution of October. On this occasion the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf extends to you and the Soviet peoples warm felicitations wishing the Soviet peoples more progress and prosperity.

"The Great Socialist Revolution of October was an historical event which changed the course of humanity and created for the first time in the history of mankind a socialist regime aiming at wiping out exploitation by man of his fellow man. The great Lenin was the leader who led the peoples of the Soviet Union during this march.

"Throughout the past fifty-five years the peoples of the Soviet Union realised great accomplishments in different economic and scientific fields which made the Soviet Union the revolutionary fortress on which the peoples depend for confronting imperialism and the forces of reaction and backwardness in the world.

"Our people who are fighting since 1965 under the leadership of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf see in the Soviet Union and the Soviet Communist Party a real supporter for our struggle to confront the forces of world imperialism and reaction.

"Long live the Great Socialist Revolution of October victorious for ever.

"Long live cohesion and alliance between our two peoples on the way of defeating imperialism and reaction."

AL-HAYYAT: EXPANSIONIST GREEDS OF SHAH-IN-SHAH FROM
THE ARABIAN GULF TO THE INDIAN OCEAN

The daily Al-Hayyat newspaper which came out on 8th November wrote saying that the Shah of Iran will increase the naval force of Iran several folds during the next five years as part of the long-term defensive strategy stretching upto the Indian Ocean.

The newspaper added by quoting the Shah as saying that the events in the world taught the puppet reactionary that the Indian Ocean recognises no limits and it is a protection for the borders of Iran. Such statement reaffirms the greeds of Iran in the Gulf in order to help it absorb the plentifulness of our people and to control them. Whatever the events be we will work for the unity of the national forces which will will confront the plans of colonialism and its conspiracies and work for the liberation of our territories.

REPLY MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF KOREAN WORKERS
PARTY CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE'S FRONT
FOR LIBERATION OF OMAN AND THE ARABIAN GULF

It pleases us to express our deep thanks to you and through you to all militants in your front for your warm greetings sent on the 27th anniversary of the foundation of our party. We are confident that the relations of friendship and cooperation which were established through the common struggle against imperialism and American imperialism will become more stronger and grow by the passing of the days. We sincerely wish you more new successes in your struggle for crushing the American and British imperialists and their stooges for achieving national independence."

"KIFAHUNA": THE REAL BACKING IS GENERALISATION OF STRUGGLE

"The weekly bulletin "Kifahuna", organ of the progressive students in the American University in Beirut, wrote saying:-

"The revolution in Yemen and the Gulf, after the attempt to isolate it, is now facing the biggest attack by imperialism and reaction ever seen by the Peninsula. In the face of this attack the revolution is now required to march forward towards escalating the struggle inside Democratic Yemen in favour of the workers, peasants and fishermen. Arming of those masses and strengthening of relations with them is a basic condition for the steadfastness of the revolution in Yemen."

The bulletin added by saying that real backing which must be extended by the Arab revolutionaries to the revolution in Yemen and the Gulf is the generalisation of the struggle and to create more than one revolutionary movement."

AL-ASBOO AL-ARABI: "IRANIAN AUTHORITY TRAINS EVERY
IRANIAN WISHING TO GO TO ARABIAN GULF

Al=Asboo al=Arabi weekly magazine said in its issue of 6th November that one of the Iranian workers working in one of the Arabian Gulf Emirates went on leave but was late and after his return submitted an application for pardon from his boss saying that the officials in Iran when they knew that he is working in the Arabian Gulf made it a condition that he is to undergo three months training on light weapons to defend himself when necessity forbids if he wants to go back.

Well-informed sources in the Arabian Gulf said that Iranian youth residing in Kuwait and other Arabian Gulf Emirates are trained on the use of arms.

AL-HAYYAT SECOND VISIT BY BRITISH WARSHIP TO MUSCAT

The daily al-Hayyat newspaper wrote in its issue of 2nd November saying that the Omani government announced yesterday that the British warship "Andromida" will start on Friday 3rd November a visit to the Sultanate of Oman lasting two days. A brief statement said that this is the second visit to be made by a British warship to Muscat since Qaboos took over power in July, 1970

POLITICAL COMMENTARY:

WE WILL NOT FORGET OUR OCCUPIED ARAB ISLANDS
AND WILL NOT STOP FIGHTING FOR RECOVERING THEM

After days the first anniversary of the three Arab islands which were occupied by Iranian reaction: Major and Minor Tonb and Abou Moussa Islands will fall.

After days the memory of the control by the Shah of part of the homeland amidst circumstances which every Arab still recalls, will fall.

Throughout the past year, the forces of reaction under the leadership of Zaid, tried to throw the curtain for good on the question of the Arab islands which were occupied by the Iranian forces. This included silencing of the press, means of diverting the attention of the people from the question of the islands and pressures on the Arab countries which need assistance. The degree of shamelessness enjoyed by Zaid reached a limit that he decided to establish full diplomatic relations with Iran. Naturally this is met by Arab carelessness and complete negligence to the struggles of our people. The Sultan of Oman - Qaboos - who claims to represent the Omanis - was not contented with ignoring the occupation by Iran of the islands of the Omani coast but handed over the island of Um al-Ghanam to the Iranian authorities and called the Iranian officers and soldiers and used Iranian weapons to face the revolting masses of the people.

The masses of our people will not submit and will never submit in front of the houghty of the State of Iran as they cannot bow to the military power of Iran. The old history of these masses proves this.

Our Arab masses do not forget their striking naval power which protected the Arab coasts in the past centuries. Our Arab masses will also not forget the decisive battles waged centuries ago against the Persian Kings.

The Arab masses know this time that the occupation is not an occupation behind expansionist motives only and the ambitions of the Shah, but it mainly aims against the armed revolution and the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. The aim now is the move of the masses and people for a better future.

Major and Minor Tonb Islands and Abou Moussa and Um al-Ghanam islands are dear parts of our dear country and have no lesser importance or place in our hearts from Das, Masirah, Muscat, Dubai, Sallalah or Manamah as these areas are dear parts also to the hearts of the masses.

During the occupation memory of the island we recall those lessons which we learnt in the past year. We knew that the sheikhs and sultans sell the homeland dirt cheap, and we learnt that they are prepared to receive the invaders and

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aggressors in Abou Moussa and receive their official delegations from Abu Dhabi and exchange diplomatic relations, if that will ensure protection of their thrones and seats. They are prepared to seel the homeland to America and Britain or even Iran without exception as there is nothing preventing that so long that the throne is under threat and the revolution is in the horizon.

All that Zaid and the Amirs wish is to close the curtain of forgetfulness on the occupation of the islands. What is planned by Zaid is to keep the masses busy and make them forget their cause.

The sheikhs of the coast repeat constantly in their seats that our people in the coast do not understand or know and that the people in the coast of Oman is sunk and far away from political enlightenment and they say that on these basis they will do what they want as there is nothing to prevent them from doing so.

Our people will not forget and the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf will not forget as well and the masses and front will fight to recover the usurped territories of the homeland until the banner of freedom hovers once again on all islands.

This cannot be achieved except by the sharpening of the consciousness of the masses and the massive struggles in the face of all attempts by the agents and sultans. We must unite our massive struggle and political struggle in the urban with the armed struggle so that they meet in the long run through a long-term people's liberation war uprooting the imperialists and their puppets.

In conclusion we must say that the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf and our masses know thoroughly well the clear differences between the Shah, his armies, government and followers on one hand and between the masses of the Iranian people which will direct blows and wage a non-stop struggle against the Shah, his government, and his repressive armies and will keep closer relations and more combative and comradeship relations with the masses of the patriotic Iranian people and their national forces.

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE: U.S. AMBASSADOR IN KUWAIT
VISITS SULTANATE

According to Agence France Presse, William Stoltsfoss, U.S. Ambassador in Kuwait and American Ambassadors to the Gulf countries, spent two days in the town of Sallalah situated in the Region of Dhofar where the battles are raging.

The agency said that the American Ambassador who arrived in the Sultanate on 27th October, held talks with Qaboos and Donald Harley, British Ambassador there, and different Omani Ministers. It is to be recalled that this was the fourth official visit to be made by the American Ambassador to the Sultanate.

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AS IT is the habit of the British enemy, his planes resorted to shelling the villages of citizens in the Eastern Region to retaliate from the masses who refused to surrender. These planes dropped its destructive and incendiary bombs resulting in the burning of wide areas of herding places and cottages and the martyrdom of two citizens - Khiyar Mubarak Maghrab and Halima Mubarak and the injury of female citizen Fatima Salem Suhail and two other children seriously.

Western Area (Sarfeet)

In the area of Sarfeet, the forces of the People's Liberation army launched from 2nd November to 6th November, 1972 sixteen offensive operations on the enemy centre in the north of Sarfeet (at the rate of four offensive operations every day). These operations in which different machine-guns and mortars and light weapons were used were successful as our forces inflicted on the enemy forces heavy losses in life and defensive installations. Due to the fierceness of our attacks, the enemy was always seeking the help of the British Royal Air force aircraft which launch retaliatory raids on nearby areas indiscriminately aiming at the cottages and caves of the citizens and their cattle and exterminating these cattle. These raids resulted in the burning of wide areas of herding places but there were no casualties.

At al-Mammar, the British enemy carried out a landing operation on 1st November by helicopter on the peak of Dirboob mountain with the aim of watching the supply routes of the front. Our patriotic comrades were watching this operation and so clashed with the enemy forces. The following day they also clashed with the enemy forces in a fierce battle from nearby distances using light weapons reinforced by mortars. Our forces marched to encircle the enemy forces which resorted to using smoke bombs in order to escape to rear positions after suffering ten members between killed and wounded. Our forces returned safely to base. On 4th November at 4.00 p.m. our forces attacked the enemy forces in the north of al-Mammar using light and medium weapons. Six enemy members were injured and a machine-gun post was silenced. Our forces returned safely to base.

Total enemy losses were: =

- 1) Sixty six enemy members were killed and wounded,
- 2) Destruction of 26 enemy positions
- 3) Destruction of an 81-mm artillery and heavy machine-gun
- 4) Nine operations were launched in which enemy losses were not assessed.

Our losses were:

Martyrdom of two comrades = Comrade Awadh Muahhad Suhail and Comrade Mohammad Areet and the martyrdom of two citizens

Khiyar Mubarak Maghrab and Halima Mubarak and the injury of a female citizen Fatima Salem Suhail and two children in addition to the burning of wide areas of herding places and several cottages of citizens and the extermination of a large number of cattle.

STATEMENT BY P.F.L.O.A.G. - Cont'd from page 2

The fake slogans launched by the paralysed regime cannot achieve the stressing demands of the masses as the colonialist regime which is based on oppression and exploitation of the efforts of the masses cannot fulfil these demands. This regime is not only disable to realise the demands of the masses but is also disable and in a shamefffl manner to respect its mercenaries and trumpets when they deviate the course planned by it for them. The attitude of this regime towards one of its trumpets (Sada al-Asboo newspaper) makes us ask: how this regime can respect the people and their representa ives in the council so long that it does not enjoy the respect of its servants and followers?

In front of all thise the masses have nothing but to take the initiative for organised collective work to exercise their political and democratic rights through which they can impose on the authority many of the legitimate gains. This needs full awareness from the masses for the projects to be laid down by the authority in a bid to empty their demands and liquify the struggles.

Our Militant Masses,

The institutions left behind by the regime cannot serve at the end except the ruling class, major merchants, landlords and elements basically linked and benefiting from the colonialist presence after establishing imperialist influence over the area. But the oppressed and poor masses will not get but more repression and terrorism and more misery.

Emanating from this position which places the national forces in front of their combative tasks and as an extension for the massive attitude taken by our masses all over the arena of Oman and the Arabian Gulf, the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf (Bahrain Region) will fight almost daily at all massive levels for imposing the demands of the masses on the authority taking into consideration that the political freedom to be given bby the authority will not be a grant or gift from the regime or constituent assembly but a natural result of the long struggles of the masses for which they incurred tens of martyrs and hundreds of detainees and vagrants.

The People's Front clearly stresses that all national forces and elements in this stage must fight for imposing and establishing the gains of the masses on the authority. In order to realise the collective ambitions put up by the masses for completing the tasks of this stage, it is cumbersome to have the presence of a broad national front including all national forces and groups in Bahrain for confronting the unity of the forces of imperialism and reaction which control our country and plan for our masses more colonialist and suspicious projects.

Victory is for our militant masses.

Long live oursteadfasting masses in Bahrain."

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ATTALIAH:

THE QABOOSITE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN

The Kuwaiti weekly newspaper Attaliah published in its issue of 14th October the following report:-

"After the regime of Qaboos placed a number of promises on the possibility of work and chances for Omani citizens to share in the build-up of their country, some of the citizens returned to the Sultanate under the impression of this propaganda campaign.

But as soon as these returned they found themselves confined in towns surrounded by barbed wires, unemployment and compulsory conscription. When the hopes of these citizens evaporated some of them returned from where they came and in fact some of the returning families arrived in Kuwait.

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ARRAI AL-AAM:

FRANCO-AMERICAN CONFLICT ON GULF

Quoting the British "Guardian" newspaper, Arrai al-Aam said that there is an Franco-American conflict for supplying the Gulf Amirates with weapons. It says that the aim of this conflict is to reach for the oil and stratetic interests.

This conflict first appeared in the Amirate of Abu Dhabi where the French faced strong competition from the side of Britain and the United States to re-organise and modernise the army which was until recently armed, trained and organised at the hands of advisers and technicians sent by London.

Some time ago Britain tried to convince the Amirates to buy its Harrier planes, fighter planes which take off and land vertically, instead of the French Mirage planes. But the plane which was brought by the British for exhibition was destroyed. Abu Dhabi chosen on the same day the conclusion of a contract with the French.

Reaction by the United States towards the conclusion of the Mirage deal with Abu Dhabi came from the American Foreign Under-Secretary for Middle East Affairs Joseph Seico who said that Washington will support as much as it can efforts made by these young countries for consolidating their indpendence by improving their defensive potentialities. He added that the United States of America is prepared however to extend the necessary equipment and technical help.

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